

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 93-416-C - ORDER NO. 93-840 ✓  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1993

IN RE: Petition of Silverado Communications Corp. and Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Telink to transfer authority to provide inmate telephone services from Silverado Communications Corp. to Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.	)ORDER )APPROVING )PETITION )FOR )TRANSFER OF )AUTHORITY
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This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition filed on July 6, 1993, by Silverado Communications Corporation (Silverado) and Peoples Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Telink (Peoples), hereafter referred to collectively as "Petitioners," requesting the Commission's approval to transfer Silverado's Coin or Coinless Telephone (COCOT) authority and inmate telephone authority<sup>1</sup> to Peoples. The Petition was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-310 (Supp. 1992).

The matter was duly noticed to the public. No intervention was received by the Commission. Petitioners submitted verified testimony. Consequently, the Commission determined that it would consider the Petition without a hearing.

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1. Silverado has authority to provide automated collect-only local, intraLATA and interLATA inmate telephone services. Order No. 91-193, Docket No. 89-550-C.

After consideration of the Petition, the submitted testimony, and the applicable law, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steve Alexander, Director of Regulatory Affairs for Peoples, testified on behalf of the Petitioners. Mr. Alexander explained that Silverado provides inmate telephone service in five South Carolina counties and in thirteen other states. He testified that Peoples was granted COCOT authority by this Commission in Docket No. 85-150-C, Order No. 88-71 and authority to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services in South Carolina in Docket No. 93-026-C, Order No. 92-430. Mr. Alexander testified that Peoples is the largest independent pay telephone operator in the nation.

2. Mr. Alexander testified that Peoples maintains an experienced technical staff, that it will provide its services through state of the art equipment, and that it possesses the financial maturity to provide inmate services in South Carolina.

3. Mr. Alexander testified that Peoples will comply with all applicable rules and regulations of this Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

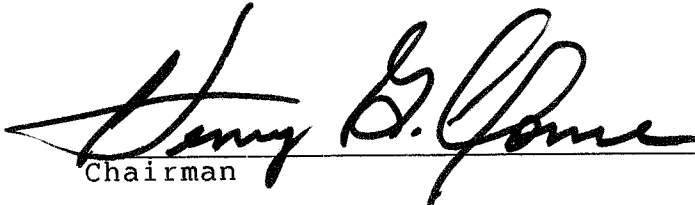
1. The Commission concludes that the COCOT and inmate telephone service authority held by Silverado should be transferred to Peoples. Consequently, the Commission hereby approves the requested transfer in accordance with the terms of the Petition and Mr. Alexander's testimony.

2. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity currently held by Silverado is hereby cancelled.

3. Peoples shall file a tariff governing the provision of automated inmate telephone services within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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